

## ***FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET***

**Meeting Date:** February 16, 2012

**Agenda Item:** 2012 – 2013 Upland Game Bird Hunting Seasons, Quotas and HD Boundaries

**Division:** Wildlife

**Action Needed:** Approval of Final Rule

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 15 minutes

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### **Background**

Season structures and hunting district boundaries are adopted biennially for all game species. This happens every other year between December and Final adoptions in February. In proposing regulations to the FWP Commission, FWP proposes existing structure except for specific changes. Proposals are based on population status and/or other circumstances.

For the 2012 and 2013 upland game bird structures, proposed changes include a January 1<sup>st</sup> closure for mountain grouse and expanded general hunting areas for turkey in Regions 1 and 2.

For all FWP proposed changes that include proposed adjustments from the Commission adoptions in December please see FWP Commission Master List for February 2012 meeting.

### **Public Involvement Process & Results**

Upland game bird season comments received included season date comments. Public comment ran thru 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23 with comments forwarded to FWP staff and the FWP Commission. Any final adoptions will take place at the Feb. 16 commission meeting.

### **Alternatives and Analysis**

Proposals may be adopted as proposed, with adjustment, with additions, with deletions or no change from 2011 (status quo). No change would challenge the supporting justifications behind proposals.

### **Agency Recommendation & Rationale**

Rationales for individual proposals have been included in Commission information packets and may be further articulated at the Feb. 16 commission meeting.

### **Proposed Motion**

I move the commission adopt the final 2012 and 2013 Upland Game Bird Hunting Seasons and Quotas as proposed by FWP.